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Medina County's Own Bowl Game:

Hondo, Devine In Grid Classic

Suit Filed This Week For Plaza

School Names
City, County and
Heirs As Defendants

The Hondo Independent School district filed suit this week for a title to the tract of land south of the courthouse, known as the "courthouse plaza," and named as defendants of the City of Hondo, Medina County, South Pacific E. R., and the Bullock and Hildebrand heirs.

Handling the suit for the school district are Medina County Attorneys R. J. Noonan, and Henry Dielman and William E. Ramey. The suit and county were named merely as a matter of form to perfect the school's claim so ownership would be clearly and irrevocably allocated and the property consequently put to the best use for the benefit of the community.

Charles C. Collins
Replaces Corder As
Alamo Manager

Charles C. Collins moved to Hondo this week to take over management of the local branch of the Alamo Lumber Co., replacing Robert R. Corder who has been promoted to Sales Manager of all the Texas branches of the company. Collins came here from Floresville where he was born and raised and has served as Floresville branch manager of the company since 1937 except for a four year period in the army. During his army career Collins was with the 45th Infantry division in their fight through France and Germany. He spent a year and a half overseas. Corder will be in Hondo until Jan. 15 before he takes the road. After that he will keep some time in Hondo although most of his time will be spent travelling.

F. Schweers, County 'March of Dimes' Chairman, Issues Proclamation; School Heads to Manage Local Committees

PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS, infantile paralysis has struck the nation heavily this year, taking toll of thousands, especially little children, and
WHEREAS, the past five years

FW To Stage Glorious Show

Hondo Post 3891, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will stage the nationally popular "Cornzappoppin'" show in the Park theater, Hondo, on Dec. 14 and 15, it was announced this week by Commander Clarence H. Hase.

Henry Martin Finger is acting producer of the show which will feature local talent exclusively in a happy parade of gags and songs. Actors signed for the show include Ray Nash and Marjorie Grell.

Frances Boehle Wins Grand Prize In Santa Letter Contest; Vera Redus Is Third Winner



By SANTA CLAUS

Hello there, kiddies of Medina County. Here I am again for the last time in The Anvil Herald's Letter To Santa contest and this week I'm bringing you the names of the winner of last week's contest and the Grand Prize winner.

Well, there's no use stalling because I know my friend Mr. Galvin is going to put the lucky person's name in the headline anyway as soon as he sees who I chose, so I'll come right out and say the name — FRANCES BOEHLE, a little ten year old girl who came running in with her letter at the last minute. Frances, if you hurry real fast you can still get your present before Christmas — get your mommy and tell her to bring you over here in a hurry to see my friend Buster Rath at his Firestone store in Hondo. He will give you your GRAND PRIZE.

It just happened that Frances' letter was published in the last week of the contest — there's still another winner, for the best letter of that week. Now some of you may think Frances should get that prize too, since her letter must be the best one in the weekly contest if it's the best one of the whole bunch. But I decided she shouldn't get two prizes, so I used different standards to select the weekly winner. There are a lot of things I can judge them on, you know.

So I decided the weekly winner for last week is VERA LEE REDUS. Now Vera Lee, you get your mommy and have her rush over to see Buster Rath too, because he is taking care of your prize also. If you can get her to come today you can get your prize before Christmas.

NOW VERA AND FRANCES, IF YOU CAN'T GET TO HONDO BEFORE CHRISTMAS YOU CAN STILL GET YOUR PRESENTS FROM MR. RATH AFTER CHRISTMAS. So don't worry if you don't get here, Mr. Rath will keep them for you.

Only Odds And Ends Remain In Paving Project

Only a few odd jobs remain to be completed before the Hondo street paving project is finished, according to project Chairman Frank X. Vance, and the odds and ends will be done as the weather permits.

The recent cold spell held up the work crews because the paving is much harder to handle in cold weather, Vance said. Further, much of the work done this month will have to be gone over when warmer weather comes next spring because the materials need heat to bind properly. Without heat they will remain bumpy until worked on during consistently warm weather.

NEW FIRE TRUCK WILL BE READY BY FEBRUARY

The new 700 gallon booster truck for the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department is expected to be ready by February, giving the Hondo firemen an excellent three-truck fleet with modern equipment for their fire fighting.

Current Stars and Ex-All-Americans To Play In "Broomcorn" Bowl

IT WON'T HAVE OODLES OF TRADITION BEHIND IT AND IT HASN'T THE COLORFUL HISTORY FEATURED IN THE ROSE, COTTON, ORANGE AND OTHER FAMOUS "BOWLS," BUT MEDINA COUNTY HAS A REAL TREAT IN STORE COME NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 27.

BECAUSE HONDO AND DEVINE ARE GOING TO TEE OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER ON THE HONDO HIGH FOOTBALL FIELD IN THE FIRST BIG TOURNAMENT OF BROOMCORN, AND THERE WILL BE SOME FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON THE FIELD THAT WOULD WIN A LOT OF PRESS PLAUDITS IF THEY WERE OUT IN PASADENA IN THE ROSE BOWL. THEY ARE HONDO AND DEVINE STARS GROWN UP AND IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT.

50,000 Letters Come In P. O.'s Christmas Rush

If people think the hours aren't busy at the Hondo Post Office these days they should stop in for a chat with Postmaster Harry Filleman and his little adding machine.

Filleman checked over outgoing mail Tuesday of this week and found that since Dec. 10 the people of Hondo have mailed out over 48,000 letters in the two weeks and, Filleman said, the figure is sure to top 50,000 easily by Christmas.

Packages leaving the post office in the Christmas rush totalled about 5,000 according to Filleman's guesstimate. Incoming mail was about equal to the outgoing, which means a total of 100,000 letters and 10,000 packages handled by the post office employees in two weeks.

In spite of the large number of villagers leaving Hondo in the past year, Filleman estimates that postal receipts for this Christmas will easily top those of the '46 season, and the total for the year will miss last year's mark by only \$500.

The Hondo P. O. has hired no extra men for the Christmas rush, imposing longer hours on the regular clerks. All regulars worked extra days and many worked 11 hours a day. Filleman credits the Anvil Herald with leveling off the Christmas rush. Where most of the mailing is usually in the last week, he said, it started to get heavy this year about the tenth of the month, just after the Anvil Herald launched a weekly series of stories urging people to mail early.

Harry M. Lowe Passes Dec. 18 At Natalia Home

By Mrs. Oscar Robins
NATALIA — Services were held at the Natalia Baptist Church with Reverend Ketch, minister of the Baptist Church officiating, for Harry Matthew Lowe of Natalia, 64, who passed away at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 in the home of a daughter at Pampa. He had gone there for several days visit with his daughter, and died suddenly with a heart attack.

The deceased was born Feb. 21, 1883 and was married to Bessie Mae Milham. To the union two boys and five girls were born, all of whom were present at the services.

Following the church service the Masonic Atascosa Lodge No. 379 A. F. and A. M. of Lytle accompanied the body to the Mission Burial Cemetery in San Antonio where the services were completed.

Survivors include the deceased's widow Mrs. Harry M. Lowe, two sons Silas F., a student at the University of Texas and Harry Lee of Natalia; five daughters, Mrs. Gladys Sierra of Laredo; Mrs. Jessie Mae Cannon of Oklahoma; Mrs. Virginia Tate of Pampa; Mrs. Betty Schreier of Austin; Miss Bonnie Lowe of San Antonio; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one brother, Albert Lowe of Oklahoma City.

Sponsoring the game are the Devine American Legion post and a group of sports-minded men in Hondo. Proceeds of the game will go to the Legion at Devine and what does not go into expenses in Hondo will all go to the Hondo Independent School District which is lending the field, facilities and equipment for the fracas.

Since the game was hatched in a hurry, no lineups are available for either squad. But some of the squadmen are known and that's enough to insure a real football game.

For instance, there will be Stan Hollmig, honorable mention for All American this year and the lad who put on the greatest punting exhibition in collegiate football seen anywhere in the country when his Aggies played Baylor.

And with Devine there will be Jack Schulze who made Little All American last year while a regular at Texas A. and I. and who did a bangup job with Trinity this season. Cyril Schneider of Devine won a large share of the press notices while at A. and I. last year as one of the outstanding linemen in college play in Texas.

Others with the Hondo team will be Jerome Decker, star guard of this year's Jr. College team which advanced to the finals for South Texas championship, and along with him will be tackle John Graff and end Tommy Finger, both of whom are fine ball players. H. Finger played freshmen ball at Rice and made the all-state junior college team while at Lamar. Fred Bader lettered two years while a tackle at Baylor and C. C. Dawson won two letters at John Tarlton and one at Lamar, as a guard and back.

Franklin Bless was regular fullback at San Marcos and Blanton Taylor all district in Class A ball last year and the outstanding player on the A. and M. freshman team this year, will be among the backs.

Paulie Mueller might play one of the end positions if Coach Bridges will consent, and there will be other ex-Owl stars like Bud Groff, Claude Schuehle, Joe Embrey, Ken Flory, Harry Kollman Jr., W. J. Williams, J. H. Muenink, Jimmy Rogers, Theo Loring if he gets home in time—a star currently at Texas Lutheran, and many others.

Also on tap for Hondo will be Jake Schuehle, the man who made history at Rice and later played professionally for the Philadelphia Eagles. There are many other stars from Devine whose names are not available.

Game time is 2:30, at Barry Field this coming Sunday, and the admission will be \$1, at the door, no advance tickets.

You are holding in your hands the biggest Christmas Card you will get for this season. Yes, this week The Anvil Herald is principally devoted to carrying the Christmas greetings of Medina county businessmen and merchants who find this to be the best way to be sure of sending a cheery message to all of their friends and customers. Next week most of the ads will emphasize good wishes for the New Year.

If any of you think getting out The Anvil Herald is a one man job, we suggest that you turn to page one of the feature section and take a look at the names listed below our own greeting. Count them—we were surprised, ourselves.

Heavy Mail Coming Up for Santa



Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be pecking through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

"Merry Christmas! And I mean that with all my might when I think that John Ruskin, the English writer, must have been thinking of America when he said, 'That country is richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings. And that man is richest who has the widest helpful influence over the lives of others.'"

The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

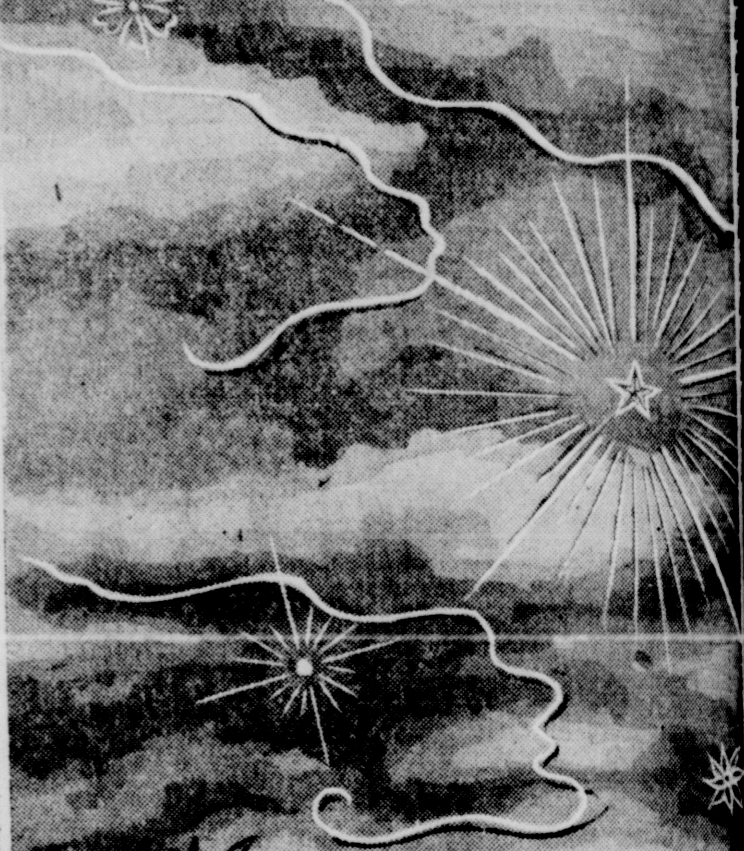
"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Woodrow Wilson told us: 'The world can be at peace only if it is stable; and there can be no stability where there is not tranquility of spirit and a sense of justice, of freedom and of right.'

THE CHINESE pay off all debts on New Year's Day, even though the wherewithal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.

Christmas 1947



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Grell Wholesale Produce Co.

Marvin Grell

PHONE 9W

HONDO

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we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

J. O. Dickey Salvage Co.

HONDO AIRFIELD



TO OUR FRIENDS

The Sinclair dealers in this locality and myself join together in wishing you a very merry Christmas and good cheer for the New Year. Your friendly patronage during the past year is greatly appreciated. And we look forward to providing you with even better Sinclair products and services during the coming year.

N. C. Johnson, Agent
Phone 23 Hondo, Texas



CHRISTMAS CAROLS on the air, and the good old Christmas spirit in evidence on every hand! We are happy to extend once more our sincere good wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

Chapman Mill & Grain Co.

SENTIMENTAL HOLIDAY — Christmas is the time when we cast aside all formality. The Christmas spirit takes hold of all of us and we are moved to express our sentiment.

MISTLETOE SEASON — Mistletoe has been looked upon as a good luck charm ever since before that First Christmas.

Christmas Trees Of Many Kinds

FROM forests and woodlots of the United States a torrent of green rolls into the cities during pre-holiday weeks as farmers and foresters market their annual crop of Christmas trees.

The twinkling tree which adds holiday cheer to practically every home in the nation is one of America's most invariable domestic habits. As a result, it has brought the Christmas tree business into the realm of "big business." Some 14 million evergreens are required annually. Their retail value has soared into the quarter billion dollar vicinity, the 1946 returns being estimated at 28 million dollars.

Cash returns from the sale of Christmas trees represent only a



small fraction of their value to American agriculture. Thousands of farmers are using the lowly evergreen to anchor sand lands to protect the shifting soil from further erosion.

With exception of the prairie lands, virtually every state in the union produces Christmas trees, at least for local consumption.

In the West, Colorado and Montana are the heavy exporters while in the East, the New England states compete with Canadian growers for the American markets. Inland, the heart of the Christmas tree country centers on upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.



May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

Buchanan Upholstery Shop

Phone 354, 1609 Ave. J, Hondo

What Yule Card Symbols Mean

Welcome... HOLLY ON A CHRISTMAS CARD DENOTES A WARM WELCOME. THE ROMANS HUNG SPRIGS OF HOLLY OVER THEIR DOORWAYS TO SIGNIFY THEIR HOUSE WAS OPEN TO EVERYONE

Faith... THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM, THE FIRST CHRISTMAS SYMBOL OF FAITH, IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE STAR IN THE EAST, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL, LED THE WISE MEN TO BETHLEHEM

GOOD LUCK... IN OLD ENGLAND THE YULE CANDLE WAS GIVEN A PLACE OF HONOR ON THE SUPPER TABLE AND BURNED CONTINUALLY FOR 12 DAYS. PIECES OF THE CANDLE WERE TREASURED AS SYMBOLS OF GOOD LUCK

Gratitude... HANGING STOCKINGS IS A CUSTOM BEGUN BY DUTCH SETTLERS WHO FELT SO MUCH GRATITUDE FOR THEIR PEACE OF HEART THEY PLACED TOYS AND SWEETS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S SHOES. LATER, STOCKINGS WERE USED

We Still Travel to Grandmother's on Christmas

"To grandmother's house for Christmas..."

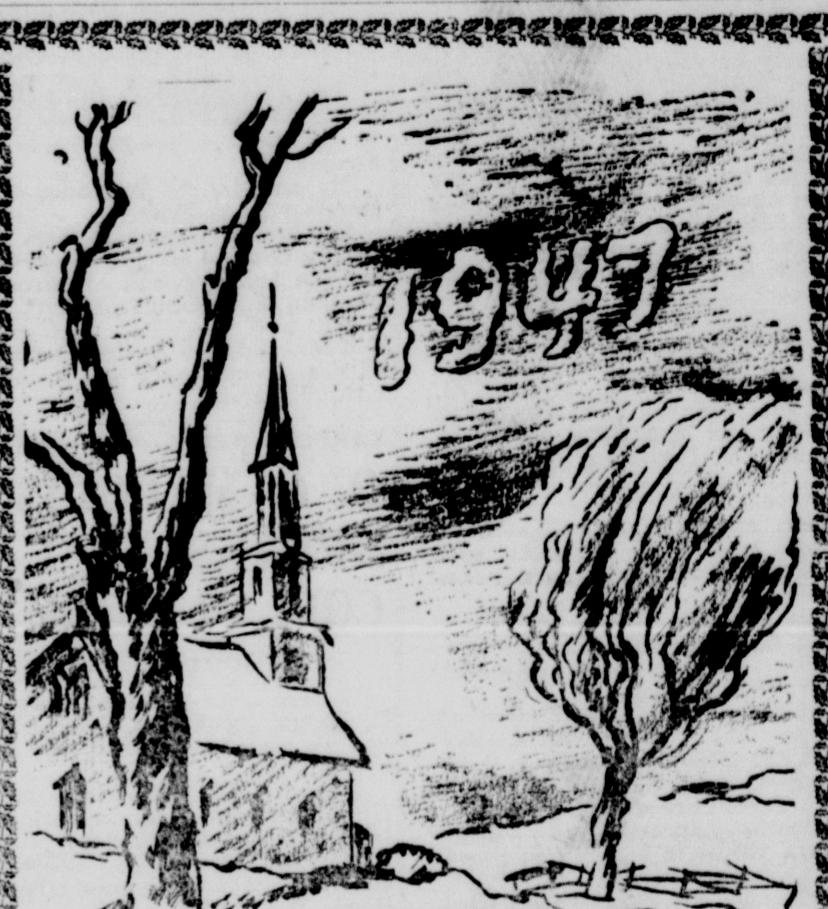
That part of the holiday theme has become as much a part of the Yule season as the mistletoe and holly. And where, in days of yore, the trip to grandmother's house was made by sleigh, it now is being made by airplane.

With more planes available and expanded facilities, airlines are anticipating the greatest holiday travel season in history.

Many families are making "split trips"—the children going unescorted aboard flights from their home to the destination airport, where they are met by their grandparents. Mother and father follow later after completing various tasks essential to a complete Christmas.

"To grandmother's house for Christmas..." goes the old song.

And this year throughout the nation the trip is being made by the modern mode of air transportation.



Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

A winter countryside with a church spire dominating the scene reflects a peacefulness that symbolizes the kind of Christmas Day we hope you enjoy this year.

E.P. Weinweber Co.
"The Store for all Generations"

If you know someone in Medina County Who doesn't read the Anvil Herald, tell him "Now Is The Time To Subscribe"



H. W. KOLLMAN

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DUNLAY NEWS

HARVEY HABY SON BAPTIZED TUESDAY; IVAN NESTERS MOVE TO DUNLAY FROM CASTROVILLE

By Mrs. John Krenmueller

Kenneth Allen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haby was baptized Tuesday at the St. Louis church by Father Dayberry, assistant pastor. Sponsors were Mrs. Wesley Hutzler and Mr. Hazen E. Haby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nester and family of Castroville are moving into the Emil Mumme residence here. We welcome them to our community.

Mrs. Mina Meyer and Betty Meyer left over the weekend for San Antonio where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mechner and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schweers visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brucks Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krenmueller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lindeburg and son, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and son and Mrs. A. C. Roeder and Miss Betty Meyer attended the Christmas program at the Castroville Public School on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tschirhart below Devine.

Mr. Arthur Haass and sister Mrs. Garteiser and daughter Mrs. Louise were business visitors at Hondo on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Terrell of Waco spent Saturday and Sunday with the Allen and Harvey Haby families. Mrs. Harvey Haby and Mrs. Terrell are sisters.

Charles Lancaster of Devine was a visitor in our neighborhood on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterly Jagge had a surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. Julius Jagge Sunday.

The school children of our community were dismissed on Friday evening for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Robert Breiten Sr. and Mrs. Robert Breiten Jr. and son visited Mrs. J. D. Schweers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Holubec were San Antonio business visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Haby and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haby and son Thursday evening.

Mrs. Rosa Brucks of New Fountain was working at the local post-office on Monday.

Mrs. Line Fuos and Mrs. Rosa Carle visited their aunt, Mrs. Mary Lader at Castroville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Haby

and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haby visited the Nic Haby family at Mico Sunday. It being Mr. Edmund's 74th birthday.

Eric J. Haby of Hamlin is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Haby. Sgt. Alex Biediger from Brooks Field at San Antonio spent the weekend with his father and family.

Sgt. Albert Mechler Jr. of Biggs Field, El Paso, paid a short visit to the J. D. Schweers family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Schneider were Hondo visitors Friday.

Mr. Milton Tschirhart from the Brooks General Hospital is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tschirhart and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Saathoff of near Hondo were San Antonio visitors Monday.

TARPLEY NEWS

O. C. MARQUIS BREAKS COLLAR BONE

By Agnes Coughran

We are sorry to report that O. C. Marquis broke his collar bone and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Arthur Erfurt and Mrs. Milton Anderson made a business trip to Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and sons made a business trip to Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and sons made a business trip to Hondo Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program at the Rhode school Thursday night. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Lloyd Jeffers and Leroy Erfurt visited in Medina Thursday.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program at the Tarpley school Friday night. Sandwiches and coffee, cocoa and pie were served.

W. O. Anderson and Frank Gilly visited in the Milton Anderson home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Teer and children, Ruby Marquis and Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Saathoff and children all of Hondo attended the program at Rhode school Thursday night.

G. T. Sandidge Jr. of Hondo

RIO MEDINA

By Miss Cora Lee Sittre

Mrs. O. F. Haby and daughter Sharon, Mrs. R. R. Haby, Mrs. Leon Groff, Mrs. Cora Sittre and Cora Lee were Christmas shopping Thursday.

O. F. Haby returned home with a 9 point buck dressing 165 lbs. Eldred Klump brought a 12 point deer home Friday.

Miss Inell Beck was staying with her Aunt Alma a few days last week.

Sonnie Freeman of San Antonio was visiting friends in Rio Medina.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chiles from San Antonio brought a 9 point buck to Mrs. Tillie Beck.

A. O. Beck was hunting at Ervin Schuehles at Hondo and came home without a buck.

Mrs. Alois Haby is on the sick list.

Miss Delores Taylor arrived home Sunday from Los Angeles, California to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

visited Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sandidge Friday.

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of them all!

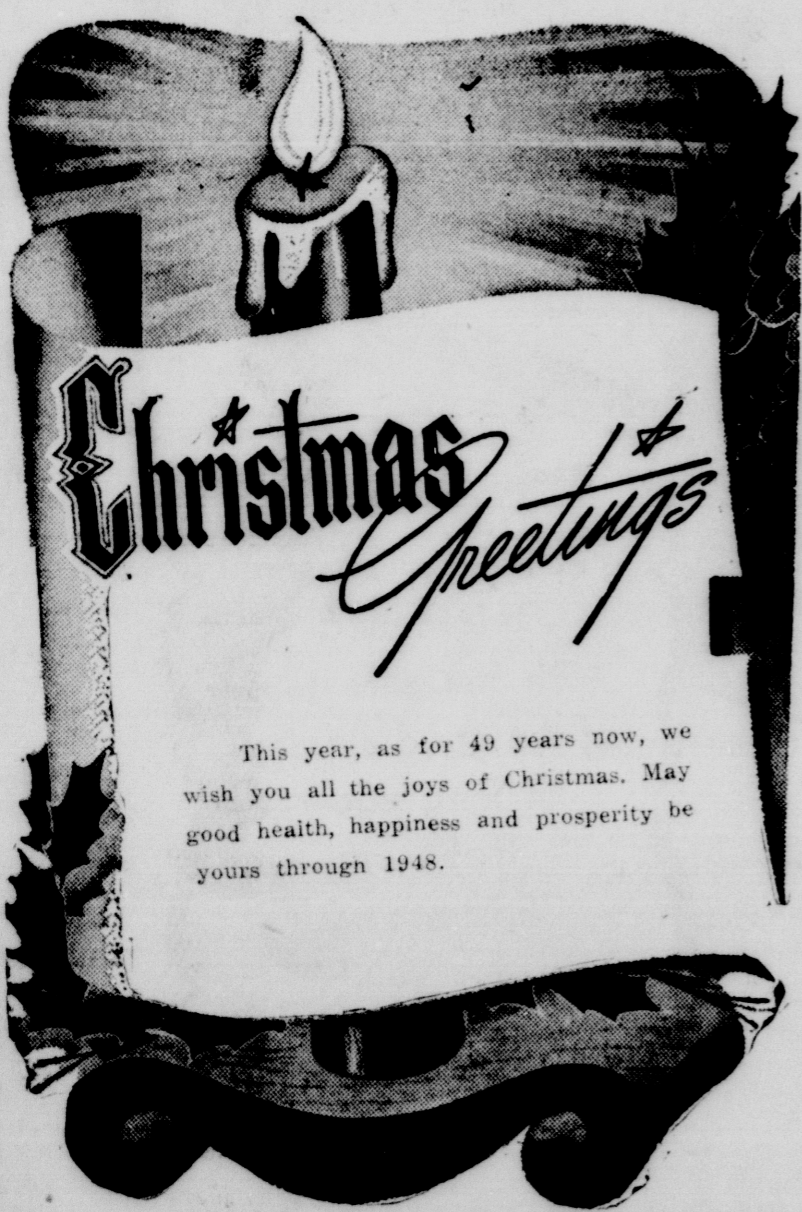
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wish you all the joys of Christmas. May
good health, happiness and prosperity be
yours through 1948.

WINDROW DRUG STORE



SOCIETY

MRS. JERRY JUNE BERGER, SOCIETY EDITOR

Miss Nellie Mae Scott Weds Klahaman In Sunday Rites

Ring Ceremony Hondo Sunday

Miss Nellie Mae Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott, was the bride of Charles Leroy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scott, in a wedding ceremony read Sunday afternoon at the Hondo First Methodist Church. Rev. Joann Allen officiated in the double ring ceremony.

Rotramel Club Meets

NATALIA — The Happy Valley Rotramel Club met in the home of Mrs. Lula Mae Rotramel Wednesday, Dec. 21. A Christmas tree was decorated with gifts which were opened with numbers. Refreshments of sandwiches, candy, and coffee were served by Mrs. Harves, Mrs. O. J. and Mrs. Lula Mae Rotramel. A large basket filled with gifts was brought in as a surprise stork for Mrs. Charles Hitzler. Each gift was unwrapped and displayed, after which the date of the next meeting was set to be in the home of Mrs. Thelma Castle the 7th of January.

NEW YEAR DANCE

AT
Vernette Garden

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1948

MUSIC BY
BENDELE MELODY KIDS

ADMISSION 75c PER PERSON
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the accompaniment of Joe Bass of Eagle Pass, at the piano.

The bride was gown in white satin fashioned with a fitted bodice and a train which extended from the skirt. Her veil of illusion was caught in a crown effect at her head. Bridal bouquet consisted of white gladioli adorned with white satin ribbons, and she wore a single strand of pearls with matching wristlet.

Serving as her sister's maid of honor, Miss Adele Scott, chose a gown of pink net with a draped skirt and bustle effect. Draped sleeves on the dress were caught in a puff at each shoulder. Pastel colored gladioli formed her bouquet. Little Miss Martha Jo Scott of Sabinal, niece of the bride, served as junior bridesmaid, and she also wore pink net. Her gown featured a shoulder ruffle and tiered skirt, and she carried pink and white carnations.

Jim Wiggs of San Antonio was best man, and ushers were Glenn McWilliams, Dick McWilliams, and the bride's brother, G. W. Scott.

Fifty guests were present for the reception held at the Scott residence following the ceremony. Miss Betty Ann Garrison had charge of the bride's book.

White gladioli, carnations and chrysanthemums were used in decorating, and a mixed bouquet formed the centerpiece of the serving table. Coffee service at one end of the table was presided over by Mrs. Henry Windrow, and after the bride cut the first piece of wedding cake, Mrs. E. G. Pope served. The cake was a three-tier confection of all white, and was topped with a miniature bride and groom.

For traveling, the bride wore a tan and brown plaid suit with red shoulder bag and shoes, brown gloves and hat. Her corsage was a white gladioli. Following a few days in Galveston, the couple returned to Hondo for a visit before returning to San Marcos where both are attending Southwest Texas State Teachers College. The groom is taking a pre-law course and plans to enter the University of Texas school of law next year. Mrs. Craven is classified as a senior.

D'HANIS CLUB PLANS BUFFET SUPER

D'HANIS — The Homemaking Club of D'Hanis High held its regular monthly meeting for December with all club members, the club mothers, Mrs. Henry Nehr and Mrs. Gus Benke, Mrs. J. M. Slavik, and the sponsor present.

Christmas carols were sung by the entire group accompanied by Mrs. Slavik.

At the close of the program, Margaret Ann Rothe, president, held a brief business session. The main topic of discussion was the Christmas party. It was decided to have a buffet supper at Mrs. Morton's home Dec. 18.

CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

Shoes, Boots, Hats
and Dry Goods for the family

Max Edwin Store



Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

HONDO PRODUCE CO.

Annabelle Tondre Complimented Sunday

CASTROVILLE — Miss Annabelle Tondre was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the St. Louis Parish hall, Sunday, Dec. 21. She entered the hall escorted by little Misses Daniele and Rejane Tschirhart to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Joana Tschirhart.

The Christmas motif was carried out with poinsettias. On the stage was a Christmas tree surrounded by many gifts. Miss Tondre unwrapped each and displayed them for all present to see.

Hostesses served chicken salad on shredded lettuce topped with an olive, potato chips, saltines, light and dark cake and coffee. Plate favors were various colored cups with a miniature Santa Claus and filled with assorted Christmas candy.

Bride's book was in charge of Mrs. Harvey Groff, aunt of the bride and 110 guests registered.

Miss Tondre will be married to Henry Tschirhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tschirhart of Macdonia in St. Louis Catholic church, Dec. 30.

150 PRESENT FOR NATALIA LEGION PARTY

NATALIA — An estimated crowd of 150 attended the Christmas party at the Legion hall Tuesday night. Old Santa Claus asked the crowd to sing "Jingle Bells" after giving gifts of fruit, nuts and candy to 39 children before he bid farewell to everyone.

Erma Crawford sang "White Christmas" and Mrs. Norville Cummings sang "Silent Night" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Betty Sparks, after which the Auxiliary ladies served cake, candy, punch and coffee to everyone.

Music was furnished throughout by Roy Perrault, Pedrozo, Remez Arcada and Carillo.

Little Betty Louise Bullington and Bert Manning sang two songs and an old fashioned singing completed the activities.

GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

NATALIA — Mrs. Margaret Salinas' Christmas party was held in the Legion Hall Saturday night, Dec. 12 and among the gifts given to the estimated 450 guests present were some dolls, wagons, electric organs and doll carriages.

Additional gifts were given as prizes to the winners of the contests in games, music, songs, and dancing.

BIRY NEWS

By Helen Ann Bendele

Major and Mrs. George McCollum of San Antonio visited Mrs. McCollum's brothers for several days this week.

Staff Sgt. Neal Heath of Louisiana is visiting his mother, Mrs. Adella Heath for the Christmas holidays.

A large crowd attended the Christmas party given by the Community Club at the Biry school on Friday night.



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BRIGHTNESS ARE OUR GALA
CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR YOU.

Delony's Jewelry

At Christmastime we greet good friends.

If 'neath our roof you've rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DARLENE'S BEAUTY SALON

RURAL MURRY

ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF

MEDINA LAKE TAVERN

NEAR THE DAM

Saturday Night, Dec. 27

Pat Lafferty and his boys of Castroville will furnish the music

GOOD EATS AND COLD DRINKS

Chancel Choir Honors Mrs. Eggen

Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, the Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church honored their organist-director, Mrs. H. B. Eggen at the church parlor.

Mrs. A. G. Hollaway, Mrs. E. W. Brucks, Mrs. T. C. Barnes, Mrs. H. Ellis Thomas, Mrs. Alfred Brucks and Mrs. E. A. Schweers were hostesses.

The table covered with a lace cloth and a center piece of festive Christmas decorations and lighted candles, greeted the choir members. Coffee, tea and fancy cookies were served to over 30. Mrs. H. B. Eggen was presented a beautiful cameo brooch as a token of appreciation for her excellent services of the past months.

YANCEY H. D. CLUB MEMBERS SEE FILMS

YANCEY — The Home Demonstration club had their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Sam Wilson Dec. 16. After gifts were exchanged, coffee, cocoa and cookies were served.

Following the refreshments, Mrs. Elbert Wilson showed several interesting films of a trip to the Big Bend country, some of the Yancey football games, and also some of their grandchildren and of the men working with cattle—rounding up, branding, dipping.

HOCSTESS TO W.S.C.S.

Mrs. Richard Riley, the retiring president of W. S. C. S. for 1947 served the members of that group apple pie and coffee at the last meeting of the year Wednesday afternoon.

The officers for 1948 were installed in an Altar Service led by the minister, Mrs. Walter McClaugherty will be the new head. Other officers will be published later.

CAROLS PLAYED BY MRS. CARL RICHTER

CASTROVILLE — Christmas carols and church music has been broadcast over the town during the past week by Zion Lutheran church. Mrs. Carl Richter is the organist, using their new electric organ, and an amplifying system carries the music to the public.

SANTA CLAUS IS BUSY GUY

Honored guest at the Baptist Church Monday night for their annual Christmas tree party was Santa Claus, much to the delight of the Sunday School pupils present.

Tuesday night, the little man who comes around for Christmas, put in an appearance at the Methodist Church to pass out bags of candy and be a jolly good fellow for benefit of the children and parents present.

MRS. SPEECE HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. R. W. Speece entertained with two tables of bridge Friday afternoon in her home. Glistening autumn leaves were used around windows in the living room, and a silver with blue Christmas tree added to the seasonal decorations.

Mrs. L. J. Brucks won high, and Mrs. L. E. Heath was second in the games. Others present were Mrs. O. B. Taylor, Mrs. Ferd Rock, Mrs. Fletcher Davis, Mrs. H. J. Meyer, Mrs. Volney Boon and Mrs. Frank Vance.

TAMALE SUPPER

The Hondo Youth Choir, the sponsors and Rev. and Mrs. H. Ellis Thomas were entertained Sunday evening, after the Service of Carols and Candle-Lighting, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brucks with a tamale supper. About 50 were present. Following the supper the evening was spent in fun, games and singing. There were many of the college group present.

for two weeks are Patsy Kollman, A. J. Cook and A. J. O'Connell Jr.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Pirkle and three month's old son Dean Kennon, of Camp Hood, will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bless.

Here in HONDO

Mrs. D. W. McGee Jr. and her uncle, Ernest Rothe, of San Antonio visited in Hondo and D'Hanis Monday. Mrs. McGee also went over to Sabinal to see her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Rinehart.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnes are spending Christmas with his daughter and family, Mrs. John Barden, in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merriman left Wednesday for Alvin for a visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Wellborn.

Blanton Taylor, Joe Braden, Charles Richter, Marcellus Garrison, Bobby Kollman and Stan Hollmig are home from A & M for the holidays.

From Southwestern University for the holidays are Henry Holloway, Darlene Brucks, Gray Brucks, Elizabeth Lacy, Charles Monkhouse and Dick Fly.

Students home from San Marcos are Sonny Woolls, Glenn McWilliams and Franklin Bless.

Jack Reily is here from Mary Hardin Baylor College at Belton.

Mary Alice Crow, Robert Schulte Jr. and Jeanice Poerner are home from Kingsville.

Home from Trinity University



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TO ONE AND ALL.

THE PLAZA BAR

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CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

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This Merry Christmas is to you. There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

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WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS

And trust to offer you Cheer every day of the year.

Garcia Shoe Shop

Christmas Carols Play Important Part In Holiday Observances All Over World

A GAIN at this Yuletide season the strains of Christmas carols are floating into the hearts and homes of millions of people, carrying the spirit of Christmas. It is at this holiday season that the impulse to sing grips everyone, from the crooning infant to the oldest and most confirmed "monotone."

There are many kinds of carols, some for every mood and taste. Hymns or chants celebrating the Nativity have been sung since the earliest days of the Christian church. Some of the carols, like "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," "Good King Wenceslas" and the wassailing songs, have no direct relation to the Nativity, yet they are fully expressive of various phases of the Christmas spirit.

Best loved and most frequently sung of the carols is "Silent Night." It was Christmas time in the hamlet of Obernsdorf, South Germany, in 1818 that this beautiful song was

world, was written by Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister. On a trip to the Holy Land, Brooks stood on the starlit hills on Christmas Eve and looked down upon the little city of Bethlehem lying still and peaceful in the night. On the next Christmas, back in America, he wrote the song that was to become famous:

"O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie..."

Written for Sunday school singing, the song at first was anonymous but, when the hymn gained immediate favor, Brooks admitted authorship. Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made, the two most commonly used being by the English composer, Joseph Barnby, and the American composer, Louis H. Redner.

Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with



composed. A young priest, Father Josef Mohr, was returning from the bedside of a parishioner when he looked down upon the sleeping hamlet surrounded by snow. It lay there silent in the dark night, lighted only by the bright stars and a few glimmering candles. That first Christmas, he thought, must have been like this and there came to him these words:

"Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright..."

In his study he finished the verses, then took them to Franz Gruber, the organist, who caught the spirit of a hymn. "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the little wooden church in Obernsdorf that Christmas Eve. Later a group of Austrian Tyrol mountain folksong singers introduced the carol to other parts of the world, including America. Published in 1840, it has been translated into almost every language and is a favorite throughout the world.

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" is another hymn of the ages which apparently is destined to live for centuries. It has been translated into 76 languages.

The words are sometimes ascribed to St. Bonaventura, bishop of Albano, in the thirteenth century. It is most commonly believed, however, that it was not written until the seventeenth or eighteenth century. The hymn often is called the Portuguese hymn because it was sung in the Portuguese chapel in London about 1785 to the tune now inseparable from it:

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem..."

An American song which carries the spirit of Christmas is the sweet and beautiful carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The poem was written by Edmund H. Sears, a New England minister, in a religious journal. The music is by the American composer, Richard S. Willis, who was struck by the unusual beauty of the poem and "just set down the notes that fit the words":

"It came upon the midnight clear That glorious song of old..."

One of the most popular Yuletide hymns, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" follows the traditional carol style. The first two stanzas depict the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third brings words of comfort to the weary and the fourth prophesies the happy days when all the world shall join in the angel's song.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," another American contribution to the famous Christmas songs of the

Isaac Watts the honor of being the greatest producer of hymns. His "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," first published in 1739, is among the most popular Christmas carols although it has undergone many changes.

"Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King..."

The music is by that distinguished composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and hence was written long after Wesley died.

Watts' principal contribution to the world's holiday joy is the carol, "Joy to the World." The tune, "Antioch," is an adaptation of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah."

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King..."

Watts, too, was a minister. While officiating as pastor of Market Lane church in England his health failed although he was still a young man. He turned to writing verse and became a great poet.

"The First Noel," meaning the first Christmas, is one of the oldest songs about the coming of Christ. One of the ancient medieval carols, it probably is about 400 years old. The poetry is crude, merely a peasant's attempt to present the New Testament story in rhyme (thus making it easy to remember) but thoroughly sincere and devout. The music likewise is simple, being practically one little strain sung three times, but it is vigorous, joyous, fresh and virile.

"The first Noel the Angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay..."

Caroling or wassailing is an old English custom. The original words of this traditional English Christmas song began "Here we come a-wassailing" and continued in the chorus, "Love and joy come to you, and to your wassail too."

The old song commonly was sung by groups of revelers, particularly young women, who went about offering a hot drink, a merry song and a pretty curtsy in exchange for a small gift. The word "wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Waes-hael," meaning "Be in health."

And, of course, Merry Christmas would be less merry to both children and adults without that little jingle, "Jingle Bells," to jingle all the way through the Yuletide season with its mythical one-horse sleigh—which in most parts of America belongs to another day. But, sans the sleigh bells and the sleigh, who is there, child or adult, who does not love that gay and rollicking Christmas ditty to which dear old Santa Claus comes skimming into town or to isolated country homes behind his eight reindeer.



Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.

Children's Gifts For Christmas

THERE'S more to buying toys than merely getting something for a youngster to play with.

Home management specialists emphasize five points worth remembering in purchasing playthings for children:

1. Safety. Keeping the age of the child in mind, youngsters should not be given a sharp knife, chemistry set, air rifle or a tool kit until they are old enough to handle them with care. Electric train equipment should be kept in good repair to prevent shock or burn. Infants



should be guarded against whistles, stuffed animals with pin or button eyes, wheels and strings not securely fastened, and small nailing.

2. Cleanliness. Toys should lend themselves to being cleaned without damage.

3. Construction. Well made toys are capable of much wear and tear, with fragile playthings encouraging destructiveness in a child.

4. Versatility. A toy that offers many imaginative uses will intrigue a child longer. Blocks of various shapes and sizes have more construction possibilities than the usual sets.

5. Variety. Toys of different sizes, shapes, textures and colors develop different muscles and different kinds of interests.

Too many toys, like no toys at all, are a mistake. The child is distracted by the variety and not given the opportunity to develop the potentialities of the toys he has. It must also be appreciated that the price of a toy does not determine its real value since a cheap plaything may provide a youngster with as much enjoyment as a more expensive one.

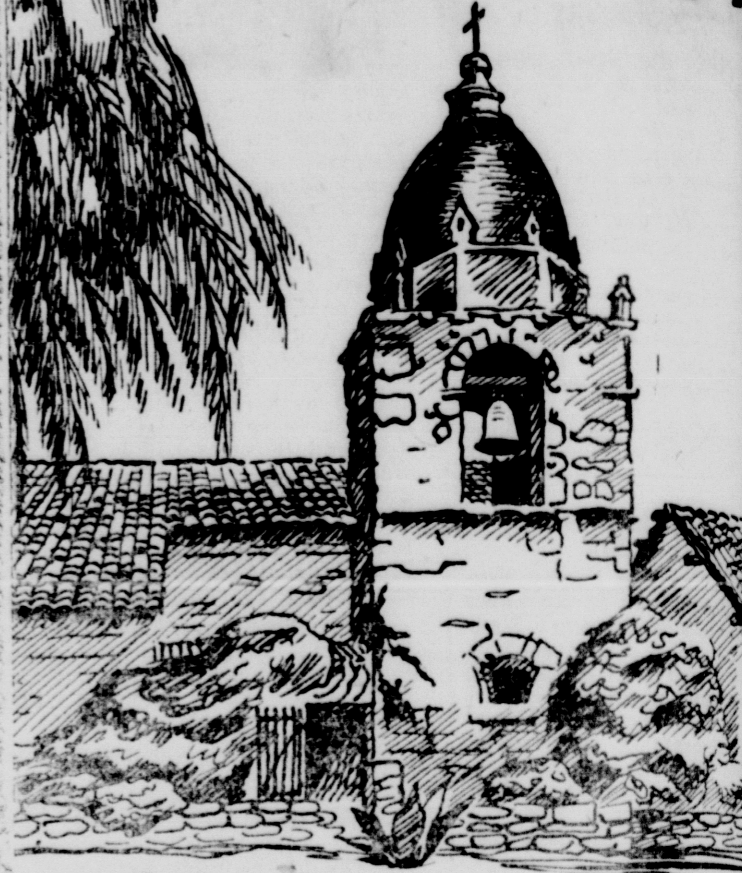
FAITH

"A JOYOUS Christmas No coward soul is mine, No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere; I see Heaven's glories shine, And faith shines equal, arming me from fear. (Emily Bronte.)"

WORLD-WIDE CHEER

"Christmas wishes — 'Tis soon, henceforth, inviolable curity of life, of worship and industrial and social development shall be guaranteed to all people of all the world.' (Woodrow Wilson.)"

Tidings of GREAT JOY!



Christmas '47

and may the spirit of this Day linger on, and on, and on.

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Christmas Time Increases Fire Hazards

If toyland is a stopping place on your shopping list, remember the tiny, tender hands that will hold your gift on Christmas morning, asks Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

"Adults should be careful to select toys that are fire safe," he said. "Those requiring alcohol, kerosene or gasoline lamps are very hazardous as they upset easily with disastrous results to children's clothing and the house itself."

A toy electric iron can be as dangerous as a real one, the Commissioner said. Left connected, while perhaps a doll is being dressed, they can overheat and cause a fire.

Hall classes cheap and substandard electric toys as unsafe, and says all electric toys should be run under the supervision of adults, unless the children are old enough to understand how to use electricity.

"A child may get a dangerous shock if he touches a radiator or other ground while playing with an electric toy," the Commissioner stated. "Such toys, when lightly constructed, are apt to be defective. The transformers of many toys are now listed by Underwriter's Laboratories and are the safest kind to buy."

He warns that only safety film be used in a child's movie camera machine. Nitrocellulose films are a severe fire hazard and also give off deadly fumes as they burn.

Electric trains should not be run under or around the Christmas tree as a stray spark on one need-

Merry Christmas

Bohemian: Vesele Vanoc.
Czech: Stansi Vanoc.
Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstmis.
Finnish: Hauskaa Joulua.
French: Joyeux Noel!
German: Frohliche Weihnachten.
Greek: Kala Christougenna.
Italian: Buon Natale.
Norwegian: Glaedelig Jul.
Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia.
Romanian: La multiani ou Sante.
Russian: Dudushka Moroz.
Spanish: Felices Pascuas.
Swedish: God Jul.
Chinese: Hsi lo Yeh so chiang sheng jih!

le could easily cause the whole tree to go up in flame.

Care should be exercised to see that the connection of any electric toy does not overload a circuit, causing a fuse to blow out or a fire to start in the wiring in the wall.

Story of the Tree

We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.



1947
Greetings at CHRISTMAS

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YOUR PHILCO DEALER



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Merriest CHRISTMAS

Hondo Ice Co.

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CHRISTMAS LOVELIES

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

traditional



There were three wise men from afar

Directed by a glorious star,

And on they wandered night and day

Until they came where Jesus lay.

And when they came unto that place

Where our beloved Messiah was

They humbly cast them at his feet

With gifts of gold and incense sweet.



Idle money isn't worth a cent

What good is money if it's never used? Money must be kept in circulation—invested, traded for goods or services, to be of value. Your local banks or savings and loan associations put money to work to build homes and stores, to provide capital for industry, to tide over the farmer until harvest time.

Just as your banker conserves and gives value to money, so there are others who conserve the things we hold dear in Texas—our lives, our land, our freedom to think and live as we please.

Natural gas is a lot like money. It has little value until it is made available for use. Not until it is taken to market and put to use for the benefit of mankind does it acquire value. United Gas is serving a constantly increasing number of Texas cities and towns, is making available for use much gas that might otherwise remain worthless under the earth. This is practical conservation ... for it gives value to this finest of fuels, stimulates industrial development, creates jobs, and benefits all the families in Texas.

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GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD CHEER,
and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere ... in France, in Holland, in Sweden ... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

Hollmig Dress Shop

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JUST A FRIENDLY WAY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THAT IT MAY BE AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU.

Bless Package Store

HONDO

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NATALIA NEWS

By Mrs. Oscar Robin

Junior Van Hueverswyn who is stationed in California flew home the twelfth on a three day leave to visit his children and parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Hueverswyn. Mrs. J. M. Crossman from Dallas returned home Saturday after a two weeks visit with her sister Mrs. M. McLane. Rev. Paul Van Dyke of San Antonio delivered a fine sermon at the Community Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Rev.

Posey, also of San Antonio was a visitor at the Sunday morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Robinson of San Antonio were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Manning.

Ralph Hougham of Sacramento, California is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hougham.

Mrs. Dick Manning Jr. and son Berry flew to South America to join Dick Jr. where he is purchasing agent for an oil company. Arvie Richardson who is attending school at Abilene Christian

College is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jacobson attended church services in San Antonio Sunday.

Arthur Gueiterrey, radio star of Hollywood, California arrived on Monday to spend Christmas holidays with the Salinas family.

J. W. Clawson came home for the holidays.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. George Mannink Thursday evening and were entertained with a lovely Christmas party.

Mrs. A. G. Holland from Laredo, mother of Mrs. Dick Manney Sr. is making her home here with her.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robins and daughter Chere Anne from Galveston are spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robins.

NEW FOUNTAIN

By Mrs. W. J. Hartmann
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Meeks of Lawton, Oklahoma and Mrs. R. W. McCracken of Uvalde visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gray Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westfall and daughter Francis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Klaus and children at Poth.

Mrs. John Muennink and Mrs. Edwin Wiemers were shopping in Hondo Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Reitzer and daughter Ethel and son James of Uvalde visited Mrs. Albert Reitzer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nietem-

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST

Wallet containing valuable papers not replaceable. Liberal reward for return to Jake Schuehle. Phone 5 or leave at new Ford garage or at Anvil Herald.

FOR SALE: Registered polled hereford bull, 10 months old, good prospect for herd bull, price \$275. Also several horned calves, 10-11 months, reasonably priced. At my residence in D'Hanis. Ben Koch. (4tc26)

NOTICE

We have purchased the O. H. Miller Insurance business. All bills payable to the agency should be made out to the undersigned.

Jo Lebold Wood
Bill Wood

LOST, about 50 days ago, a lost indigato, Chevrolet Truck, near Hondo on Bandera Road. Finder please return to O. S. T. Texaco Station at Hondo, receive \$5. reward. A. RUGH, Bandera. (1tp-26)

FOR SALE: Good bright peanut hay, \$37 ton at barn. Ford Model A 1 ton truck \$250. 1934 V-8 reconditioned motor, all rebuilt, \$475. One ton International truck, dual rear wheels, stock bed, 42 model, \$1200. See Allen Tillotson Motor Co., Hondo. Phone 68. (1tc26)

ADV.

7 TO 70 HOLLER IT IN
The Raye Theatre is going to be the New Year's headquarters for fun makers this New Year. Plan your party now and meet at the Raye when the doors open at 10:30. Something tells us your gonna have fun, everybody from 7 to 70 — those under 7 won't understand it and over 70 can't stand it.

ADV.

The Raye Theater

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Dec. 26 - 27

"LAST FRONTIER UPRISING"

Monte Hale Adrian Booth Sports Short

SUNDAY-MONDAY
Dec. 28 - 29

"THE LITTLE MAN"

Amesche Catherine McLeod Little Lulu

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY

Dec. 30 - 31, Jan. 1

"THE HOME STRETCH"

Cornel Wilde Maureen O'Hara News Reel

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Jan. 2 - 3

"BELLS OF SAN ANGELO"

Roy Rogers Cartoon

MATINEE SAT.-SUN.
Continuous From 2 p.m.

The Park Theater

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Dec. 26 - 27

"HIS BROTHER'S GHOST"

Poster Crabbe Cartoon and Serial

SUNDAY-MONDAY
Dec. 28 - 29

"LOVE OF RUSTY"

Ted Donaldson Ann Doreen

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Jan. 2 - 3

"SANTA FE UPRISING"

Allan Lane Bobby Blake Color Cartoon

Serial: "Jesse James Rides"

MATINEE SAT.-SUN. at 2 p.m.
Night show starts at 7:15

hoefer and son Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hickey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Saathoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jacobson of Macdonna visited Mr. and Mrs. John Muennink.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boehle of Verdina were in Hondo Monday.

Mr. Andrew Muennink visited Mrs. John Mueanink Saturday afternoon.

Willie and Earnest Saathoff also were Hondo visitors Monday.

W. R. McCracken was in Hondo on business Monday.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Castroville, Texas

Sunday, Dec. 28 — 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School. All children adults are invited to attend. 10:00 a.m. — Divine Worship.

Jan. 1, 1948, we shall have New Year's Day services at 10 a.m. Let us begin the year by ing in church the first day of year.

TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Uvalde Production Credit Association

Sam Meyer

Field Representative

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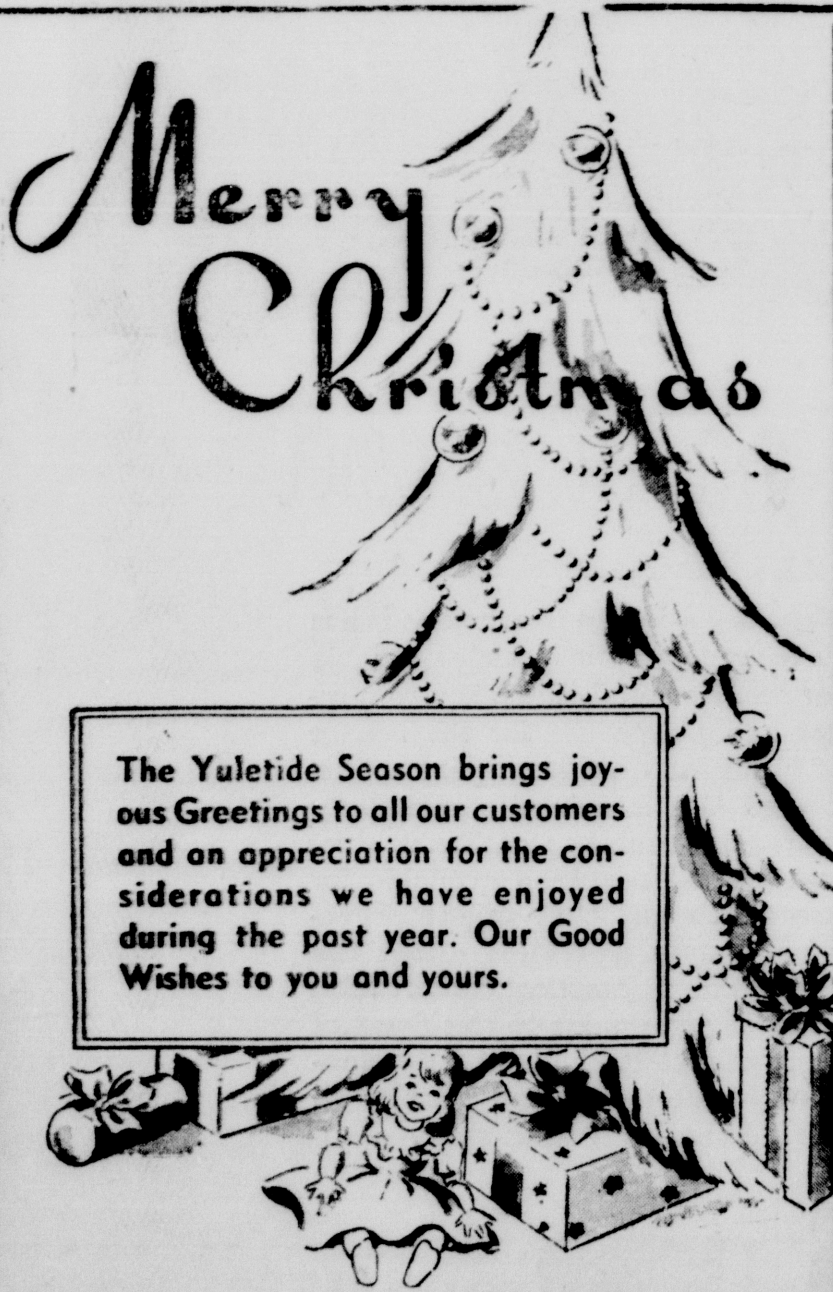
Jim F. Anderson



Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

Raye and Park Theaters



The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.

Wernette's Service Station

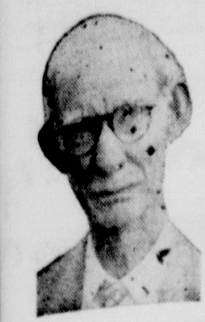
Merry Christmas

NEIGHBORS

In just a very few words we want to send a sincere message of good will to our customers and friends at Christmastime. You are deserving of all the good things we can wish for you and it is our sincere hope that the New Year will be one of innumerable blessings for you and those about you.

M. F. Schweers, Gulf Distributor

Fletcher Davis



To touch upon the stimuli
That make men think —
The lifeblood of our Liberty
Is Printer's Ink!

This column represents the opinions of the author on various subjects. Political comments or other critical observations do not necessarily reflect the views of The Anvil Herald. Mr. Davis has full authority to speak freely on any matter of his own choosing.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

High the mistletoe and the holly,
Let childhood, youth and age all
be jolly
In its most cheerful, happy sort
of way —
For this is the glorious Christmas day!

As December, the last month of the year, comes on apace and the days grow short and the nights grow long, our minds and hearts turn instinctively to Christmas, the great annual universal holiday festival of the Christian world.

Throughout the world, where the light of Christianity has shaped the thoughts and customs of the people, we are all familiar with some form of observance of the day.

So long have we been accustomed to it that it has grown commonplace to many of us and few ever give any thought to its historical significance or religious import.

What a sad commentary on the indifference of man!
A brief historic review at this time would, therefore, be not out of place, and should serve to give us a clearer idea if not a deeper appreciation of its religious significance.

"Christmas," to quote a standard authority, "is the festival of the Christian Church, observed annually on Dec. 25, in memory of the birth of Christ, and celebrated by a particular church service. The time when the festival was first observed is not known with certainty; but it is spoken of in the beginning of the third century by Clement of Alexandria, and in the latter part of the fourth century Chrysostom speaks of it as of great antiquity. As to the day on which it was celebrated, there was long considerable diversity, but by the time of Chrysostom the western church had fixed on Dec. 25, though no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed; and the Eastern church, which had favored Jan. 6, gradually adopted the same date. The existence of heathen festivals celebrated on or about this day doubtless accounted

in large measure for its selection; and Brumalia, a Roman festival held at the winter solstice, when the sun is, as it were, born anew, has often been mentioned as having a strong bearing on the question. In the Catholic, Greek, Anglican and Lutheran churches, there is a special religious service for Christmas day; and, contrary to the general rule, a Catholic priest can celebrate three masses on this day. Most other churches hold no special service, but almost everywhere throughout Christendom it is kept as a holiday and occasion of social enjoyment."

Thus has this great annual event come down to us of the present generation, honorable in its antiquity and glorious in its religious message:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

If man is at peace with his fellow man, if toward all men he feels good will, and if in his heart he glorifies God, he has indeed caught the spirit of Christmas.

With that spirit animating his heart and supplying the well-spring of his actions, the day will be a Christmas day to him in deed and in truth.

Without it the day is lost, and its very spirit may turn upon him and mock him in his misery.

Catch the spirit of the day if you would impart it to others, and the more you can impart of its happiness to others the greater will be the measure of your own.

For —
"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth."
Give joy, then; give happiness to all you can if you would multiply your own.

There are as many different ways of imparting happiness as there are different natures and different temperaments.

Out of the desire to give pleasure and happiness to others there has grown up along with the observance of the Christmas festival, the custom of giving gifts.

When judiciously employed this custom brings the desired end.

But misdirected giving may wound where it is meant to cheer.

Gifts bestowed out of a sense of

(See LETTER, Page Three)

Through The Neighbors' Keyhole

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES
Texas papers listed below are used as news sources, and from them The Anvil Herald reports the news in other localities. Unless specifically attributed to another paper, views and opinions expressed below are those of The Anvil Herald.

MEAT CANNING PLANT

From the Eagle Pass News Guide we learn that construction has started on a huge meat canning plant which will be able to handle 70,000 pounds of meat daily at Piedras Negras.

The plant is the answer to the hoof-and-mouth quarantine in Coahuila. At present no cattle can be shipped from that section. Cooking and canning makes the meat edible even though it was infected. Money was loaned by Coahuilan farmers and ranchers to build the plant and they will be repaid from the income. The plant will operate on a non-profit basis and has signed a contract with USDA for 10 million lbs. of canned meat for shipment to Europe.

RENT CONTROL STOPS

Rent control has been abolished in Uvalde County, according to the Uvalde Leader-News, and the

county will conform to state and local laws.

PEARSALL WINS REGIONAL

The powerful, versatile Pearsall Mavericks went on to victory and the Regional championship at Victoria, downing the Port Lavaca Sand Crabs 26-7. Galloway scored three of the Pearsall touchdowns and Riggs scored one. The Mavs will be in with Hondo next year.

LAREDO VOTES FOR DAM

Citizens of Webb County will vote soon on a bond issue totalling \$350,000 to dam Chacon creek and create an artificial lake. The proposed issue will make a lake more than four times as large as that originally proposed.

SABINAL — The political pot has started to boil in Sabinal, according to the GRAPHIC. Charles F. Tyler, a navy veteran, has announced his intent to file as a candidate for county commissioner subject to the July election.

Anvil Sparks

Let the Sparks fly where they will, for the truth is forged with fire!
Let the Sparks burn where they fall, for the truth is not for hire!

By The Editor

The proper form for any newspaper story is to lead off with emphasis on the most important part of the event reported and then to elaborate on that important part, pulling in whatever other phases of the event that might be of general interest and add to the story.

From that standard, our leading story of last week didn't fill the bill. The lead story, remember, was on the series of auto wrecks in Hondo, four wrecks in which three persons were slightly injured and \$3,000 worth of damage was done.

Our story didn't fill the bill because the real importance of the story was lurking behind. A newspaper must portion off its opinion, even though its opinion is common to everyone. It must present the facts in its news columns

and let the people think what they will from the bare facts. If the paper wants to do any arguing, it must do it in its editorial columns.

The truly important phase of last week's story, therefore, had to wait for this week's editorial comment. That phase is that if we are not going to learn to be considerate of the cars and lives of other drivers, the law must step in and take a hand.

There are many drivers in Hondo who are incompetent. There are many others who are inordinately careless. When these people are driving on public highways, when they cause accidents, they are infringing on the personal liberties of all other drivers.

The man, for instance, who forgets or doesn't bother to dim his See SPARKS, Last Page



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Hondo Anvil Herald

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PLACES ON DATES GIVEN BELOW FOR THE PURPOSE OF . . .

Collecting 1947 Taxes

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MEDINA LAKE, JAN. 2	9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
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BIRY, JAN. 8,	9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
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NATALIA, JAN. 9,	1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.
DEVINE, JAN. 12-13,	9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
D'HANIS, JAN. 14,	9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY

James R. Duncan

ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES, MEDINA CO.



19 Our wish 47 for you at Christmastide

Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

MUMME'S HATCHERY



WE WISH YOU
AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.
BRUNO SCHWEERS

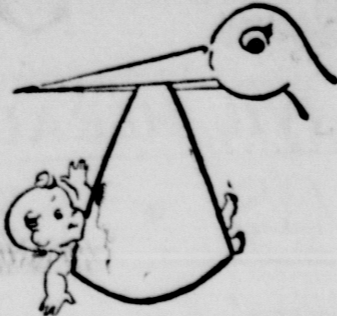
Start The New Year Right
"Now Is The Time To Subscribe"



1947

As the anniversary of the Great Event draws nigh we extend to one and all our best wishes for a happy Christmas season.
Hondo Refrigeration Service

FUTURE ANVIL HERALD READERS



Births recorded for the month of November in the office of the County Clerk are as follows:
Ruth Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. John Herring of Natalia on Oct. 31.
Rebeca Santos, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alvizo of Castroville on Nov. 1.
James Kasper, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kasper Golden of Hondo on Nov. 1.
Robert Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Louis Geuea of Tarpley on Nov. 3.
Marquerete, to Mr. and Mrs. Montero Duncan of LaCoste on Nov. 4.
Manuel, to Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Campas of Natalia on Nov. 5.
Bernard Melvin, to Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Melvin W. Weynand of D'Hanis on Nov. 6.
Dionantina Jasinta, to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Maria Briseno of Hondo on Nov. 6.
Elida, to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Angel Ytuarte of Hondo on Nov. 7.
Infant son, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. DePuy of Hondo on Nov. 10.
Abelino, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Luna of Hondo on Nov. 10.
Maria Estella, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Paloma of Hondo on Nov. 11.

Julio, to Mr. and Mrs. Julio Perez of Hondo on Nov. 11.
Neida, to Mr. and Mrs. Mysedo Martinez of Pearson on Nov. 15.
Maria Guadalupe, to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrosio Moncada of Yancey on Nov. 16.
Victor, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Garcia of Biry on Nov. 16.
Jose, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Alvarez of Hondo on Nov. 19.
James William, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNelly of Hondo on Nov. 20.
Charles Augusta, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Henson of Hondo on Nov. 20.
Maria Gloria, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Campos of Hondo on Nov. 20.
Mary Beth, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Schneider of Hondo on Nov. 20.
James Frederick Stephens, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Fuks of Sabinal on Nov. 24.
Efrin, to Mr. and Mrs. Reyes Escamilla of Hondo on Nov. 25.
Coverada, to Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Silva of D'Hanis on Nov. 26.
Estes, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Correa of Hondo on Nov. 26.
Guy Aubrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Thelma W. Eldridge of Hondo on Nov. 26.
Mavis Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Stein of Hondo on Nov. 26.
Gail Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Kollman Jr. of Hondo on Nov. 27.
Tomasa, to Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Leyva of Hondo on Nov. 27.
Lolanda, to Mr. and Mrs. Donaciano Barrios of D'Hanis on Nov. 28.
Pilan, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillipi Herrera of Castroville on Nov. 30.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE
SPIRIT OF THIS
DAY LINGER ON,
BRINGING CHEER
AND COMFORT
LONG AFTER
CHRISTMAS DAY
ITSELF IS GONE.

P. H. Renken



Hondo Creamery

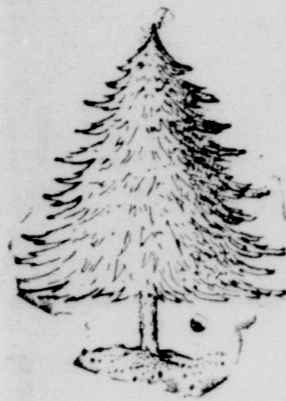


WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER
THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON,
LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT
TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE
RECEIVING. BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!

Palles Bargain Store

Merry Christmas



Every member of this organization joins in extending you heartiest Christmas greetings. May you meet the Yuletide with thoughts of happiness and may we all continue to have faith in our fellowman.

And from this complete understanding of those about us may we gain confidence and courage with which to meet the problems of the New Year.

The things you have wished for, and which are deservedly yours, may they come to you in abundance.

Bandera County Ranchmen and Farmers' Association

Tom Holloway Manager, Hondo

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FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR A



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And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned Merry Christmas!

MAY 1948
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GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY

ALAMO LUMBER COMPANY

HONDO

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To you and yours this Yuletide season,
we extend our sincere good wishes
for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment;
of peace, good cheer and happiness—
that is our wish for you
this joyous holiday season.

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LACOSTE HERMANN SONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected last Sunday, Dec. 14, by the LaCoste Sons of Hermann lodge No. 261. Installed as president was Adolph W. Ahr, Jr., and Herman N. Jungman was named vice president. Richard A. Biediger is the new financial secretary, and Alex E. Jungman is the recording secretary and treasurer. Trustees are Bernard Hutzler, Henry Zinsmeyer and Howard Bohl. The finance committee is made up of Matt Jungman, R. J. Mangold, and Henry Geiger. Inner guard is George Zinsmeyer and outer guard is Harry Bohl. Henry Geiger is guide. Jack Fusselman of the Hondo lodge and Joe Steidle of the Dunlay lodge were present at the meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Here in Hondo

Mrs. V. E. Layton of Los Angeles, California visited with her sister, Mrs. Amos Harlee over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Richter are spending Christmas in Greenville with her parents.

Mrs. Christine Mayberry and Dorothy Ellen left Wednesday for Paris, Texas for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Meyer, Betty Ann Garrison, Melvin Schulte, Tommy Ney, Anne Davis, Dorothy Grell and Keme Ginnam have arrived in Hondo to spend the holidays from the University of Texas, Austin.

Mrs. Jacob Fohn and son Edward and Mrs. L. E. Heath spent Sunday in San Antonio as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fohn.

Mrs. Evelyn Tompkins and sons, Billy and Tommy returned last week from Buffalo, New York where they had been visiting her sister Mrs. John Braham III.

Mrs. Janet Stowe is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stowe of Seguin during the Christmas holidays.

Visiting in Hondo Monday were Arthur Haass of Dunlap and his niece, Mrs. Vean Trotter, of Quemado. Mrs. Trotter and her mother, Mrs. H. L. Garteiser, are spending a week visiting Arthur and P. E. Haass and friends in Dunlap.

Christmas Has Its Humor Now

One of the most charming Yuletide chucklers concerns the pig-tailed youngster who found a pin-cushion among her other gifts on Christmas morning. The little girl then placed this note near the fire-place: "Dear Santa: Thank you very much for your presents. And I always wanted a pin-cushion, although not very much."

CASTROVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Rudolph Tschirhart

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Rager and family of San Antonio spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Schott and son Henry.

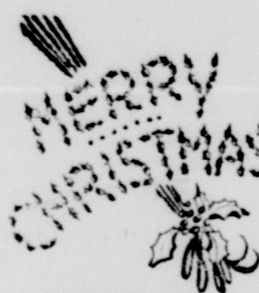
Mrs. John Mangold is at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Murphy who underwent a major operation in a San Antonio hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schegman Jr. and family Mr. and Mrs. George Freis and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schegman Sr. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suchs Jr. and son Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Muennink of Hondo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tschirhart and family.

Lindy Schott and David Fitz-Simon are at home with their parents for the holidays.

Mrs. Alex Haby Sr. and Mrs. Alex Haby Jr. and daughter Kathleen and Mrs. Wallace Letz and son Leroy all of Mico were Castroville visitors Monday.



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LISTEN TO THE MELO-

DIOUS CHRISTMAS BELLS

RINGING OUT OUR MER-

RY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

RALPH TSCHIRHART

CASTROVILLE



Jo Lebold Wood
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit
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this
Christmas season

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5ths, 93 proof \$3.89
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OLD QUAKER
STRAIGHT BOURBON
5ths, 86 proof \$4.59
3 bottle for \$13.50

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Bottled In Bond
100 proof \$5.50
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OLD CROW, and
I. W. HARPER
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Christmas

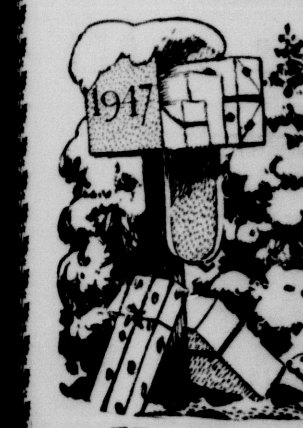
Now, when Santa Claus
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all over the world, we
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and friendly greeting to
our friends. Accept our
very best wishes for a
Christmas season of unal-
loyed joy and happiness.

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IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN
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SAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS
SEASON THAN THAT AN-
CIENT WISH.



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FOR SALE
SALE OR TRADE FOR CATTLE: Team and set of leather harness. 1/2 mile east of Killins Store, Devine. R. W. Bradford, Rt. 1, Box 147, Devine. (4tp23)
FOR SALE: Rototiller, practically new. Seven 6 weeks old pigs, 8 pigs 8 weeks old. 1 registered Poland China Boar, 9 months old. L. Pugh, Natalia, Pearson Road, east of Chicon Lake. (4tp25)
DEER HEADS MOUNTED: Alfred Rudinger, D'Hanis, Texas. (7tp21)

WALK TO SCHOOL? There's no need to let your child walk everywhere. I have a good motor scooter for sale at \$40 under the market price. See Bucy at Alamo Farm Store. (tf24)

NEW ELECTRIC RANGES: Now on display at DeMontel Appliance Co. Immediate delivery. Phone 53. (tf17)
FOR SALE: 36 Chevrolet pickup and 36 Ford panel truck. Trade or sell. See Wesley Breiten. (tf25)

FOR SALE: Well improved 53-acre farm, 22 acres under irrigation, with modern home and outbuildings, for \$11,000.00 on agreed terms. Hondo Land Co., P. O. Box 238, Hondo. (tf25)

FOR SALE: 1 Chevrolet 1/2 ton truck, 1935, \$300. 55 White English White Leghorn hens, \$1.50 each. 4 Poland China gilts, weigh about 80 lbs., \$20.00 each. 1 registered Poland China sow, \$100.00. 1 registered Poland China boar, 9 months, \$75. 8 registered Poland China pigs, 8 weeks, \$15.00 each. 200 bales bright Johnson grass hay, 80c bale. One Allis Chalmers Tractor Model B, Lister, planter, cultivator, border disc, 2 section harrow and breaking plow, \$750.00. On Pearson to Natalia Road, 1 1/2 mile south of Pearson or 4 1/2 miles north of Natalia. S. M. McMillan, Rt. 1, Box 234, Devine, Texas. (3tp23)

DDT CONCENTRATE: Or emulsion. Best killer for flies, lice and ticks on stock. Windrow Drug Store (tf50)

FOR SALE: Practically new Avery horse-drawn mowing machine. Used once on 40 acres. Will take \$75.00. C. A. Batot, D'Hanis. (3tp24)

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FOR SALE: Gas range. Porcelain finish. \$40.00. See J. A. Horger. (tf24)

PICTURE FRAMING: By experts. Moulding in stock. W. T. Hardy Furniture Co. (tf21)

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YOU WILL LIKE: The new roomy "Frigidaire" refrigerator. Ask us about it. E. R. Leinweber Co. (tf21)

SCRATCH PADS: 2,500 sheets of assorted color bond paper, put up in pads of 100 for only \$1.00. You get 25 good pads. The Hondo Anvil Herald. (tf17)

FOR SALE: Apex washing machine, good condition. Mrs. J. E. Muen- nink. (2tp26)

Happy Holidays to EVERYBODY
Sunshine Cleaners

Christmas AND THE SAME OLD WISH TO YOU

Hollaway Flying School

FOR SALE
ROLL TICKETS: We have in stock numbered roll tickets, "Admit One." They come in different colors, and are suitable for many purposes. You can buy them at The Anvil Herald. (tf5)

MIMEO PAPER: Just received both sizes of good quality mimeograph paper. If you need some, now is the time to get it. The Anvil Herald. (tf25)

DOUBLE DISK tractor plow in good condition and good disks. Price \$170.00. Can see plow at my place in Biry. Alvin Bader. (2tp25)

REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE BOAR for breeding. See J. D. Nester at Dan Nester's place D'Hanis. (4tp26)

FOR SALE: 7 Poland China pigs, 10 weeks old, \$10.00 each. George Boehle, Hondo. 949F13. (2tp26)

HOME medicines, cosmetics, all kinds extracts are available from the Watkins agent in Hondo. Call or see Mrs. A. N. Rowlette. (tf26)

BUSINESS SERVICE

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HI-SPEED: Rotary floor polisher. 50c per day rental. W. T. Hardy Furniture Co. (tf13)

WE BUY EGGS: Chapman Mill and Grain Co., Hondo. (tf)

PLEASE REMEMBER: We can go anywhere when our services are desired — day or night. Just ring Phone 75, and we will attend to everything. Jno. A. Horger, Funeral Director. (tf)

FROZEN FOOD Containers: pints and quarts at Windrows. (tf50)
DIRT IS HARD on clothes—don't let it cheat you out of longer wear. Bring those suits to your clothing doctors now—Sunshine Cleaners. (tf12)

TYPEWRITER NEED CLEANING and oiling? It will run smoother. See Lester R. Morley at The Anvil Herald. (tf)

FALSE ECONOMY: Can you sit down and write your name and address on the corner of 1000 envelopes in one afternoon? We can print that many for you in a very short time, and they will look good. The cost is reasonable, and you can be proud of the envelopes you mail. Call us today and we will be glad to show you examples of our work. The Hondo Anvil Herald. Phone 127. (tf52)

"MORNING GLORY" the inner-spring Mattress with 220 coil springs — Priced at \$49.50. E. R. Leinweber Co. (tf21)

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POSTED
I HAVE LEASED: and have exclusive hunting rights for the Chas. H. Balzen pasture known as part of the C. W. Gilliam ranch for the current hunting season, all hunting and trespassing there in is forbidden. Signed: A. V. Cale, Robstown, Texas. (1-1-48 pd)

I HAVE LEASED: and have the exclusive hunting rights for the Louis C. Decker pasture for the current hunting season. The pasture has been duly "Posted" according to law and all trespassers will be prosecuted. Signed: W. A. Ridgeway, 124 E. Hyde, San Antonio, Texas. Telephone KEN, 5635. (tf15)

POSTED—Pasture two miles west of D'Hanis on Highway 90. No hunting or fishing. Eugene Huesser. (tf14)

POSTED: My property, known as old Butts homestead, south of Hondo on Yancey road. All hunters, trespassers and fishermen keep off under penalties of the law. Dr. J. A. Rowe. (1-1-48)

POSTED: I have leased the hunting rights in the O. J. Bader pastures and all hunting and trespassing therein is forbidden. Buddy Hartmann. Dunlay, Texas. (19tc9)

POSTED: Hunting, fishing, camping or in any way trespassing on land belonging to the undersigned is hereby forbidden under penalty of the law. H. J. Boehle, O. A. Grell, Alfred Boehle, Charlie Lindeburg, Arthur Wurzbach, and Arnold Balzen. (pd 1-1-47)

HUNTERS NOTICE: The August E. Schuchle estate has been leased for hunting. No more permits available. 1-1-47-P

WILLIE SCHMIDT at Dunlay posts all his land at the Quihi Road and Castroville Road and Otto Schmidt's land is posted too. Also Louis Schweers place. No hunting with dogs and guns and no fishing, this is strictly forbidden. (Pd. 1-1-48)

POSTED: My property, the former T. I. Davidson Ranch. All hunters and other trespassers keep off under penalties of the law. Bruno A. Schweers. (tf11)

NO HUNTING: Our place known as the cedar brake pastures is strictly posted, therefore no trespassing or hunting with firearms or dogs is allowed. E. W. Balzen, Elgin Stiegler and W. J. Fuos. (8tp19)

POSTED: All our land is posted according to law. No trespassing or hunting with dogs allowed. Arthur Schlenz and Harvey Stein. (8tp19)

POSTED: No hunting or trespassing allowed in my pasture. Two miles northeast of Dunlay. Herman Lindeburg, Henry Lindeburg, Walter Winkler, and Mrs. S. H. Saathoff. (pd. 1-1-48)

POSTED: All hunting with dogs and guns is forbidden in our pastures, formerly the Charles Martin ranch. All former permits are hereby revoked. (Signed) Albert H. Sprenger, C. L. Martin. (1-1-48C)

POSTED: All land owned and leased by us is posted according to law. No hunting with guns or dogs. H. E. Graff, Emma E. Graff, Ralph J. Graff, and A. J. Graff. (pd-1-1-48)

POSTED: Property of Joe A. Riff and son is posted against hunting and fishing. (1-1-48)

POSTED: My ranch 18 miles north of Hondo is posted against hunting, fishing or trespassing in any way. Headlight hunters, beware, this carries a severe penalty. Howard G. Hay. (1-1-48 pd.)

MY LAND located on the Hondo-Bandera Road is POSTED according to law. All hunters stay out. Dietrich W. Wiemers. (1-1-48)

POSTED: All our land is posted according to law, and all grounds have been leased for hunting. Edwin L. Balzen and son. (19tp9)

POSTED: No hunting or trespassing on Louis J. Weynand estate North of D'Hanis. (1-1-48-p)

POSTED: My property is leased for hunting. All trespassing on it, except lessors is forbidden by law. F. A. Martin. (1-1-48-p)

POSTED: All lands owned and controlled by Tom Neuman, Vivian Neuman, George Schweers, Raymond Bailey, James Bailey, are posted against hunting and fishing under penalty of law. No trespassing in any way. (1-1-48)

POSTED: My pastures are posted, no hunting or fishing except by lease holders. John G. Brucks. (1-1-48-p)

POSTED: My pasture known as the Bendele trap and the Allen trap south of D'Hanis is posted. No hunting or trespassing allowed. Albert Bendele. (1-1-48-p)

POSTED: All property of Theo. J. Wiemers, and of Ervin J. Moos, Hondo, Verde, and Quihi Creeks is posted. All trespassing forbidden. (1-1-48-pd)

THE PASTURE known as the Fred Folk estate is posted according to law. No hunting allowed therein. Charlie Folk. (1-1-48)

POSTED: PROPERTY of Mrs. Mina Meyer is posted against hunting and fishing. Officer in charge. (1-1-48)

POSTED: Property leased and owned by Mrs. George R. Bohmfalk in the Elstone community is not to be trespassed on by hunters. (1-48)

POSTED—All Ed Nester ranchland is hereby posted. No hunting allowed. (1-1-48pd)

FOR SALE — AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 1939 Plymouth 4-door sedan, \$550. 1925 Ford T pickup with 4 new 6.00 x 16 tires, tubes and wheels, will trade. 2 late model Cushman motor scooters, 2-wheel type. \$165.00 each. 1 service station type air compressor, gasoline engine operated, like new. Ideal for farm use, \$175. New all metal tool boxes, 30 x 20 x 11. \$3.50. 1 new Firestone 7 ft. refrigerator, with deep freezer, immediate delivery. \$299.95. 1 8 ft. Servel Butane refrigerator, \$465. See Eugene Suehs, Highway Service Station, Castroville. Phone 75. (2tp26)

POSTED

HUNTING NOTICE: No hunting allowed in my pastures without a permit. Joe Lutz Sr. (1-1-47)

ALL OUR LAND is posted. All hunting is forbidden. Mrs. Emil Graff, H. G. Boehle and L. W. Graff. (1-1-48pd)

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR STOCK FARMS: Or ranches in the beautiful Sabinal Canyon, see Jim Gotcher at Utopia, Texas. Special: 2,000 acre ranch, well improved, \$30 per acre. (tf17)

6-WAY FLOOR LAMPS: \$16.95 with Mogul bulb. \$1.00 down, \$1.00 weekly. W. T. Hardy Furniture Co. (tf21)

CHICKEN FRYERS: Skillets and sauce pans. Holloway Hardware. (tf7)

"BENDIX" Register now to assure early delivery. E. R. Leinweber Co. (tf)

CUSTOM PLOWING: Deep plowing, \$2.50. Wheatland plowing, \$1.40 per acre. Jack Caldwell, D'Hanis, Texas. Phone 49F12. (tf11)

YELLOW WRITING PAPER: Five hundred sheets for 95c. Good for pencil writing, or can be used for second sheets when typing. The Anvil Herald. (tf7)

CARBON PAPER: Standard or legal size, all weights, at The Anvil Herald office. (tf)

KEYS MADE: We make brass keys. Western Auto Associate Store. (tf26)

WE BUY: All kinds of grain. Let us quote prices before you sell. Chapman Mill and Grain Co., Hondo. (tf)

Help-Ur-Self Laundry: 60c an hour. Wet wash 8c lb. Closed at noon Saturdays. (tf50)

CUTTER BLACKLEGOL: Protects any age calf for life.—at Fly Drug Co. (tf)

SLIM JIM BEDDING: Extra length inner-spring mattresses and box springs. W. T. Hardy Furniture Co. (tf21)

NOTICES

FOR DEEP or SHALLOW PLOWING, see E. F. Kloudt. (c-3-1-48)

LEST YOU FORGET: your hunting license has expired. Get your new license at Fly Drug Co. (tf9)

REGISTER NOW: For your "Bendix" to assure early delivery. E. R. Leinweber Co. (tf)

CLIP BOARDS: We have about a dozen second hand clip boards that are cluttering up the place. They are handy to have around the farm, in a business, or anywhere to hold papers and also to have a good writing surface. They were worth 50c each when new, and they ought to be worth 25c now. Anyhow, that's what we're asking for them. Come early and get a good one. The Hondo Anvil Herald. (tf17)

FOR RENT

3 UNFURNISHED ROOMS for rent close to Dunlay school house. Apply to Mrs. Ed Hutzler next to Post Office in Castroville. (3tp23)

SMALL HOUSE for rent. Call 192. House is furnished. (tf17)

HOSPITAL BED: For rent at W. T. Hardy Furniture Co. (tf22)

FOR RENT

BUSINESS PROPERTY: Good sized business space for rent. Located near busy corner on highway 90. See Grace Armstrong at Armstrong Hotel. (tf21)

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A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

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Holiday Greetings



Our wish for you is that gentle Bells of Christmas echo throughout your home all through this wondrous Holiday Season.

HONDO LUMBER COMPANY

DEATHS

Deaths recorded for November in the office of County Clerk, Howard Haby, are:

Rosa Tobar Vaquera, 24, of Yancey on Aug. 20.
Rhoda Katherine Galloway, 11, of Natalia on Oct. 4.
Rosa Flores Navarro, 75, of Devine on Oct. 20.
Mrs. Marie M. Applewhite, 71, of Castroville on Nov. 6.
Cornelius Mangold, 43, of Castroville on Nov. 7.
Tomas Perez, 61, of Devine, on Nov. 7.
Infant of R. W. DePuy of Hondo on Nov. 10.
Simon Sanchez, 80, of Hondo on Nov. 11.
Effie Jane Henderson, 78, of Hondo on Nov. 23.
Ben Lloyd Johnson, 67, of San Antonio on Nov. 25.
Plutarco Bozelio, 74, of Castroville on Nov. 26.
Gregoria Salazar Sandoval, 27, of Hondo on Nov. 27.
Mary Kate Russen, 61, of Devine on Nov. 30.

CYNTHIA DEPUY HOME FROM SAN MARCOS

Little Cynthia DePuy, a fourth grader at San Marcos Academy, has arrived in Hondo to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. DePuy. A former student of the Hondo public schools, Cynthia first entered

the Academy in 1946. Since then she has been a consistent honor roll student.

Classes were dismissed Friday and Cynthia will return to SMA in time for regular classes Monday, Jan. 5.

Compliments of the Season

Lillian's
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Merry Christmas to one and all



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Christmas Story

Once again as the Christmas Story is being retold around the world, we extend our heartiest wishes for your happiness.



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THIS GREETING

Is sent you by the
County and District
Officials listed below

season's greetings and best wishes

... may christmas 1947 stir your memory to thoughts of the fragile beauty of the happiest christmas you can remember... when these memories flood over you, we know that the spirit of this glorious and happy season will engulf you, and that this year itself will become your...

merriest christmas ever!

RALPH J. NOONAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
EMIL BRITSCH, DISTRICT CLERK
HOWARD HABY, COUNTY CLERK
JAMES R. DUNCAN, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
O. J. BADER, COUNTY TREASURER
JACK FUSSELMAN, SHERIFF
JOHN G. BRITSCH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1



Western Union Telegraph Co.



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

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MEDINA COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Vernor P. King to Genacio Luna, warranty deed to Lot 18 out of Block 1, School Addition of Hondo, \$175.

Bertha Thomas to Hubert H. Hermes et ux, warranty deed to west part of Lot 3, Block 2, Brown-Woods Addition, Hondo, \$250.

Rafael Espino et ux to Trinidad Espino, warranty deed to Lot 8, Block 12, Range 10, Castroville, \$10.

Albert P. Parrish et ux to Paul Dennie, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 11.50 acres out of Lot 57, Block 33, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands, \$2,000.

Medina Irrigated Farms, Inc., to Ernest Ballard et ux, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 25 acres out of Lot 9, Block 33, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands, \$3500.

L. J. Fowler et al to Mrs. Florence Fowler, warranty deed with vendor's lien to half acre, \$10 and other consideration.

Medina Irrigated Farms, Inc., to Santiago Porto, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 7 acres out of Lot 6A, Block 4, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands, \$700.

Santiago Porto et ux to Frank Fluegge, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 7 acres being out of

Lot 6A, Block 4, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands, \$10 and other considerations.

Frank Fluegge to Urlano Zapata, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 7 acres out of Lot 6A, Block 4, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands, \$700.

H. L. Saathoff to Solidad Lopez, warranty deed to land on Yancey-D'Hanis road, \$1 and other considerations.

J. E. Young et ux to Frank Pharr, general warranty deed to part of Lot 36, Block 33, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of Lands.

R. B. Carpenter et ux to E. C. Nicholson, warranty deed to 31.47 acres in 2 tracts, \$10.

Alma Lenora Grenzen, et al to W. W. Rackley, general warranty deed to 34.85 in two tracts, \$1,000 and other considerations.

Hilda A. Reeves et vir to Joseph Palle, general warranty deed to Lot 6, Block 59, Hondo, \$400.

A. B. King to J. K. Martin, warranty deed with vendor's lien to Lot 3, Block 43, Natalia, \$2,500.

Mrs. Mattie Neuman, et al to T. Z. Forester, general warranty deed to Lot 1, Hattox Block 9, New City Block 15, Devine, \$10.

Medina Irrigated Farms, Inc., to S. A. Haass, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 12.43 acres.

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Aug. Timmerman, Hondo, 1948 4-door Ford.

Calvin J. Bendele, D'Hanis, 1947 Chevrolet sedan.

Rudolph Duncan, Yancey, 1947 Plymouth Coupe.

Harry C. Mueller Jr., Hondo, 1948 Ford 2-door.

Stanton W. Chapman, Hondo, 1947 Plymouth Fordor.

W. W. Wise, San Antonio, 1947 Kaiser 4-door.

Jesus Sanchez, Lytle, 1947 Chevrolet 2-ton truck.



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HONDO, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1947



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While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

CHRISTMAS JOY

1947



Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

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With the friendliest of thoughts and the heartiest of wishes for a happy Yuletide.

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HONDO



Posthaste, from us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!...

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EDITORIAL - FEATURES

EDITOR'S CORNER

To David
c-o Saint Peter, Keeper of the Pearly Gates
Heaven

Dear David:

We're not sure if this letter will reach you. It's about a Christmas present we are very much in need of, and we decided we'd have to go over Santa Claus' head because it's a little out of his domain.

If you don't mind, David, we'd like to have you come back to earth for a little visit.

We've all read in the Holy Book about how you put a little stone in your sling shot and laid low the biggest giant of your time. That guy Goliath didn't know he was dead, David. He's back again.

Seems like he's grown some. He's like the Kohinor diamond, David. He's awfully big and has just as many different facets as the Kohinor, and he brings just as much bad luck as that famous diamond is supposed to.

This guy seems to have nine lives, like a cat, and he uses all nine of them at once. He operates on an international scale with one of them. He puts tacks on their chairs and they all get mad at each other, not knowing who is doing it. He's really making a mess out of world peace, David.

And he seems to be working on a national scale in a lot of different countries at once. He's operating over there in India and he's got the Moslems and Hindus killing each other off by the hundreds; and he's working in Palestine where he's got the Jews and the Arabs at each other's throats; and he's putting in time and a half to make mortal enemies of the U. S. and Russia and frankly, David, we're a little sick of being enemies with people.

He's putting at least two or three of his lives to

work right here in the U. S., and things just aren't going right. He's a warrior, you know, and he's getting all of his military cronies into the high offices of the land so that the military no longer supports the country, it runs it. And he's working like mad to change things so that the military class is becoming the "wealthy and privileged military class" that the Good Book warns us about.

We've tried to get him by a lot of different means, David, but he just seems to grow stronger. We tried waving an atomic bomb over his head and he just laughs at us. We tried telling him that Communism will get him and he just laughed louder.

Finally we went back into Biblical methods and tried to slay him with the jawbone of an ass. But it seems like we've got a lot more ass's jawbones than there were in your day and they don't seem to be the same quality. They're on his side.

As a matter of fact, the ass which in your day was a very lowly creature now occupies a very exalted position. They got tired of that old name and changed it so now they are known as politicians, and while all politicians are not asses it does seem like all the asses are politicians. Some of them are working in the government and a lot of them are working for industry or labor or some other group, but wherever we go to find the jawbone of an ass we find that they are all in use and there's no chance of anybody borrowing or renting one.

It's all pretty complicated, David, and we just can't make any headway at all. So as a special Christmas present for mankind we'd like to have you down here for a little visit. Please come, David.

We've got a giant for you!

Sincerely,

The Hondo Anvil Herald

A MERRY CHRISTMAS WISH

By COLLIER



the office cat



well i dont no jes wut chrismiss bizness iz all about from my limited eckspere with it it seems 2 me like shoob be sumthin in the shun about it so ule know leest gonna brake even see that chunk uv paper garat eckwality uv about everything cept sumthin reely important this it wont be so bad putting good money to by chrismiss for other peepul if u sum sort uv garantee that wood get back as much as u out but no sirree nuthin like u jest got to sit back an hope make out awrite

now fer instents i hav 2 fer months to get enuff money by a present fer galvin by kin sit thare at the doggon writer and werk his hed to bone fer a week an hes got to get sumthin fer me an u to admit that werkin galvin to tha bone aint much wut tha bone aint very far down

ennyway i wuz winder sh tha other day but i dint bug becuz i dint know uv anywood want a window fer mus an i wuz serprised to see many peepul had pet dogs no i hav anythin agent dogs wu hi class cats so scarce an thin but i wuz indeet tuch tha tendur sentiment that displayed fer thare dogs seemd like neerly everyone had went out an bought a tree an put lites all over it kinds uv fancy gadgets an uv all this i think its no dogs iz mans best frends wh pul dont even treet other that good but wun thing doe a little funny 2 me an that cum they all call thare do the same name — sandy cl espeshully considerin the fac thare aint much sand around parts but i dunno i gess jest funny

ennyway in spite uv all coolhar and unundersta things about it i gess i w merry chrismiss to all u fokes and i would speshully thank u wun an all fer nise letters u writ 2 galvin in my salary but i wood point out that thare i w wastin stamps becuz thare he got a letter sayin my shoob be raised he jest w tha groshery store an bo three stalks uv salary w hav tha same name but a same stuff not by a long fer all tha rest uv yr w up foutin pens in my b wood like to say that the way to get a raise out uv iz with a hidrawillic jack

were at church.

Those present were Mr. George Saathoff and child and Mrs. John Henry S and Jo Anne Saathoff o Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. B and children of Austin. Mrs. Henry Schulte and Hondo and Henry Saathoff

VERDINA NEWS

Henry Saathoffs Celebrate 40th Anniversary

By Mrs. Ella Oefinger

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saathoff celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Saathoff and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saathoff were in Lytle Wednesday, getting fruit trees and rose bushes.

Arlie Brucks spent most of the week at Mr. and Mrs. John Brucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley De Grodt were in Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lehmborg and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Brucks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oefinger were in Dunlay and Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Saathoff and Henry Saathoff Jr. were in San Antonio Saturday. Miss Jo Anne Saathoff came back with them.

Say did the children at Verdina have a swell program Friday night. When a teacher can take five pupils and put out a grand

to demand that a few streets be designated as "Through Streets" so we can race along them in safety. It means putting up stop signs at every corner along a couple of main streets going each way.

There will still be many of us who won't read the signs. But maybe we can take the trouble to get on the stop streets and then as long as other drivers read the signs we can drive in comparative safety.

Here in HONDO

Henry K. Martin, 12 year old son of Mrs. Lotty Cruseturner Martin, arrived here Thursday from Memphis, Tennessee, to spend the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Cruseturner, and his uncle, Mr. Oscar Cruseturner and family. The boy made the trip alone by train to San Antonio, and on the bus to Hondo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams are spending this week in Sonora and Junction visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Kelly and family are spending the holidays in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and on Dr. Kelly's ranch near there.

program like that, deserves a big hand. Hats off to you, Mrs. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Weber and Aldine Rose spent Saturday afternoon with H. C. Oefinger and family.

Mrs. Fletcher is spending the holidays with her folks at Waco. Alvin Mumme spent one day this week at the John Brucks ranch.

Alfred Saathoff spent Sunday with Arthur Schulte.

Helmer and Merlin Boehle and Kenneth Oefinger were in San Antonio Saturday. Helmer took niece, Carolyn Sullivan home after spending the last two weeks here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boehle.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Weber were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Saathoff Sunday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Schulte and children spent part of Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Saathoff and children. In the afternoon they

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lights. He is a criminal. The ones who turn or stop suddenly without signalling; the ones who back out of parking spaces without looking, smashing up another driver's car; the ones who try to bluff their way through intersections with speed and a horn with not the barest rudiments of courtesy; the ones who race along much-traveled streets without bothering to look as they come to intersections; all of these are threats to other drivers.

The law takes no hand in all this. If the law does see it, it ignores it. But at the next crossing that careless driver may pile up.

It's his own fault. Let him pile up, and let him pay. But he always takes some other driver's car or someone else's property to the junk yard with him.

It's not just a Hondo problem. It's the same everywhere. But in other places some steps are taken to abet the situation.

Here in Hondo it looks obvious that we are not going to learn to be better drivers until we experience our wrecks personally. It doesn't look like the law is going to step in and enforce what traffic laws we have.

The only other thing to do is

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duty or of policy lose all of the spirit of the time.

Gifts given in exchange is a cheap form of commercialism.

Be careful, therefore, in your gift giving; give where the giving gives pleasure, carries with it the joyous spirit of the day.

Christmas is peculiarly the children's festival.

Because the child lives in a realm of make-believe, it is easy for him to picture in his imagination the mythical Santa Claus, a jolly, generous friend whose sole purpose in life is to give pretty things to good little boys and girls.

And many a naughty child has quit his perversity lest he lose the good-will and fall from the graces of good old St. Nicholas.

How much wickedness would this old world be spared could we all hold to the simple faith of the little child — the faith that will make us avoid the giving of offense to the great and generous Giver of all good and perfect gifts!

Let us, then, try for this one glad day of all the year to forget our troubles; let us bring all the happiness we can into the lives of those we come in contact with; let us become as little children, extracting all the joy we can from the "simple toys" it is our fortune to receive; and let us scatter a-broad and increase the joyous spirit of Christmas:

"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men!"

That's Christmas

Wreaths of holly and mistletoe, Wailing winds and the whirling snow,

And the winter fire's warmth and glow,

And the peace only the hearthside can know —

That's Christmas

Youth in its joyous mirth and glee, Age from its sad memories free, All dancing 'round the holy tree Tinsel'd with glowing lights and filigree —

That's Christmas

And neither joy of hoarded gold Nor thrill of the winter's cold, But, be the giver young or old, Just the gift of love the heart to unfold —

That's Christmas

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